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APPLICANT(S)

: Arno DRECHSEL

SERIAL NO.

: 09/913,587

FILED

: August 15, 2001

FOR

: Self-Adjusting Rotating Joint, Especially for Liquid Distribution Devices

GROUP ART UNIT: 3752

EXAMINER

: David D. HWU

Commissioner for Patents

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ELECTION

SIR:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement contained in the Office Action of January 8, 2004, applicant hereby provisionally elects Species I (Figures 1, 2, and 3) for continued prosecution in the above-identified application.

Claims 1-5 and 13 are believed to read on the elected species.

Should the Examiner believe that direct contact with applicant's attorney would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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